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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES AGREEMENT

REFS A(A) PRAGUE 1335 (B) STATE 116516

1. SUMMARY: MFA HAS HANDED EMBASSY DRAFT IMPLEMENTATION DOCUMENT FOR SCIENTIFIC/TECHNOLOGICAL PORTION OF EXCHANGES AGREEMENT. ALTHOUGH ADMITTEDLY IMPRECISE IN SOME WORDING, DOCUMENT MAKES CLEAR GOC INTEREST IN FOCUSING ON TECHNOLOGY OF IMMEDIATE INTEREST TO CSSR INDUSTRY. WHILE DELAY IN COMPLETING AND SIGNING EXCHANGES AGREEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMS HAS SO FAR SERVED USG PURPOSES, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT IT IS NOW IN OUR INTEREST TO DEMONSTRATE GOOD FAITH BY PRESENTING GOC WITH DOCUMENT COMBINING ORIGINAL USG IMPLEMENTATION DRAFT (REF B) AND THOSE PORTIONS OF GOC IMPLEMENTATION DRAFTS ACCEPTABLE TO US.
END SUMMARY:

ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT PROVIDE SUCH COMBINED DRAFT.

2. MFA SIXTH DEPARTMENT DEP DIRECTOR NOVOTNY JULY 1 CALLED IN PAO QUINN AND SCIENCE OFFICER WICKHAM TO HAND THEM FIVE-PAGE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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"EXECUTIVE PLAN OF SCIENTIFIC-TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION," I.E., THE GOC DRAFT IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM ON S/T EXCHANGES, WHICH NOVOTNY HAD EARLIER TOLD AMBASSADOR HE FOUND LESS PRECISE AND MORE A TALKING PAPER THAN EARLIER SUBMITTED CULTURAL/EDUCATIONAL DRAFT. NOVOTNY SAID BASIC EXCHANGES AGREEMENT IS STILL BEFORE FEDERAL ASSEMBLY. (WE WERE TOLD JULY 4 THAT FINAL APPROVAL IS EXPECTED JULY 7). HE ASKED WHETHER AGREEMENT WOULD HAVE TO BE

RATIFIED BY US CONGRESS. PAO REPLIED THAT CONGRESS CERTAINLY HAD PERORAGATIVE TO REVIEW AND COMMENT ON AN EXECUTIVE AGREEMENT, IF IT SO WISHED. EMBOFFS SAID THEY WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH NOVOTNY WHEN DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON GOC PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION PLANS RECEIVED.

3. KEY ELEMENTS OF GOC DRAFT (FULL TEXT BEING POUCHED):

(A) HEART OF DOCUMENT IS SECTION 3, "SPECIFIC FIELDS OF COOPERATION." IT CONTAINS PROPOSALS FOR EXCHANGES IN ENERGY, ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES, TRANSPORTATION, AND ELECTRONICS, ENGINEERING, CHEMISTRY, AND METALLURGY.

(B) ENERGY SECTION INCLUDES "USE OF CAPACITY SEMI-CONDUCTORS IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, IN AUTOMATION OF PRODUCTION PROCESSES IN IN FOUNDRIES OR THE USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY IN METALLURGY, ETC."

(C) ENVIRONMENTAL SECTION INCLUDES "CLEANING OF WASTE WATER AND TECHNOLOGIES OF WATER CONDITIONING, REDUCTION OF HARMFUL EXHALATIONS FROM COMBUSTION ENGINES, LIQUIDATION AND UTILIZATION OF WASTE IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION."

(D) TRANSPORT SECTION NOTES PRIOR DISCUSSIONS WITH U.S. DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION WHERE "THE FOLLOWING PROBLEMS WERE SELECTED FOR COOPERATION: THE RAISING OF TRANSPORTATION EFFICIENCY, AUTOMATION OF RAILROAD TRANSPORTATION, TECHNOLOGY IN THE PRODUCTION AND ASSEMBLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ON MOTORWAYS AND THE RAISING OF SECURITY OF ROAD TRAFFIC."

(E) KICKER IS FINAL SECTION ON ELECTRONICS, ENGINEERING, CHEMISTRY, AND METALLURGY. SUBSECTIONS SUGGEST COOPERATION "IN THE SOLUTION OF PROBLEMS OF AUTOMATION OF TECHNOLOGICAL PRODUCTION PROCESSES, USE OF ROBOTS IN CONDITIONS HARMFUL TO MAN'S HEALTH, AND NEW METHODS OF CUTTING AND PROTECTION OF MATERIALS." ALSO MENTIONED ARE "MACROMOLECULAR CHEMISTRY, PETRO-CHEMISTRY, AND PHARMACEUTICS" AND "THE PRODUCTION AND UTILIZATION OF NONFERROUS METAL AND POWDER METALLURGY."

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(F) SECTION CLOSES WITH PROPOSAL FOR EXCHANGE OF DELEGATIONS TO DELINEATE SPECIFICALLY THE AREAS OF COOPERATION, PLUS ANNUAL MEETINGS TO BE HELD ALTERNATELY IN THE U.S. OR CZECHOSLOVAKIA BY THE BODIES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROGRAM.

4. FEDERAL MINISTRY FOR TECHNOLOGY AND INVESTMENTS (FMTIR) IS RESPONSIBLE GOC AGENCY FOR ABOVE SECTIONS OF THE AGREEMENT, WHICH ARE ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY TECHNOLOGICAL. FMTIR REP TOLD PAO THAT ABOVE SECTIONS ARE "ONLY A STARTER" AND GOC PLANS TO INTRODUCE OTHER TECHNOLOGICAL PROJECTS AS IMPLEMENTATION TALKS PROCEED.

5. MORE SCIENTIFIC ASPECTS WOULD BE COVERED BY UPDATING OF JULY 1, 1966 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CZECHOSLOVAK ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AND U.S. NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE.

6. CONTENT OF DRAFT: WE HAVE SUSPECTED FROM START THAT PRIMARY GOC INTEREST IN EXCHANGES AGREEMENT WAS IN TECHNOLOGY TO BENEFIT CSSR INDUSTRY. DRAFT IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM SIMPLY DROPS OTHER SHOE. SOME PROPOSALS IN IT MAY BE OF NO INTEREST TO US SIDE AND OTHERS WILL HAVE SECURITY/TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PROBLEMS, BUT SOME ALSO APPEAR TO RELATE CLOSELY TO ONGOING USG COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS.

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7. FUTURE ACTION: GOC SHORTCOMINGS IN HUMAN RIGHTS OBSERVANCE HAVE CAUSED US TO MOVE AHEAD ON THE AGREEMENT WITH CAREFULLY ORCHESTRATED DELAY WHICH HAS GIVEN US TACTICAL ADVANTAGE YET SAFEGUARDED OUR CSCE POSITION FOR BELGRADE. GOC FOR ITS OWN REASONS HAS BEEN SLOW TO MOVE AHEAD BUT HAS NOW PUT ON THE TABLE TWO DRAFT IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMS WHICH COULD BE PRESENTED TO A NEUTRAL OBSERVER AS REASONABLE AND FORTHCOMING PROPOSALS. WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD NOW GO BACK TO GOC WITH A DRAFT THAT MELTS THE ORIGINAL US IMPLEMENTATION DRAFT (REF B) WITH THOSE GOC PROPOSALS

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APPEAR ACCEPTABLE, POSSIBLY INCORPORATING SOME SPECIFIC US COUNTER-PROPOSALS FOR COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS. (IN PREPARING SUCH A DOCUMENT, DEPARTMENT SHOULD RECALL GOC INSISTENCE, FOR ITS BUREAUCRATIC PURPOSES, ON HAVING SEPARATE S/T AND CULTURAL / EDUCATIONAL DOCUMENTS.) EMBASSY WOULD USE SUCH A DOCUMENT IN TALKS WITH THE GOC TO CLEAR AWAY MUCH OF THE UNDERBRUSH AS POSSIBLE BEFORE WASHINGTON NEGOTIATORS COME TO PRAGUE.

8. TIMING: IF SUCH A PAPER WERE READY IN TIME, A FIRST IMPLEMENTATION NEGOTIATING SESSION MIGHT BE HELD IN LATE JULY. AT LEAST ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL GOC NEGOTIATORS WILL BE ABSENT IN AUGUST, SO MOST OF THE PRELIMINARY WORK WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO BE DONE IN SEPTEMBER. IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT VISIT BY RICHMOND AND OTHER WASHINGTON NEGOTIATORS WOULD TAKE PLACE BEFORE LATE OCTOBER.

9. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT PREPARE AND TRANSMIT SOONEST NEW DRAFT AS PROPOSED IN PARA 7 ABOVE.
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